

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
of the
Suffolk County Legislature**

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Budget Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Auditorium of the Evans K. Griffing Building, 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York, 11901, on **May 21, 2002.**

Members Present:

Legislator Michael Caracciolo - Chairman

Legislator Andrew Crecca

Legislator Jonathan Cooper

Members Not Present:

Legislator David Bishop - Excused

Also in Attendance:

Legislator Allan Binder - District #16

Linda Burkhardt - Aide to Presiding Officer Tonna

All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

(*The meeting was called to order at 12:40 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN CARACCIOLO:

All right, will the auditorium come to order. The members of the Budget Committee are present with the exception of Legislator Bishop who had to attend a Bar Association class and is, therefore, excused. We'll now have the Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Legislator Crecca.

Salutation

Thank you. Is there anyone who would wish to address the committee?
Yes, Phyllis.

MS. GARBARINO:

Can I grab the microphone here?

LEG. CARACCIOLO:

Sure, wherever it's most comfortable.

MS. GARBARINO:

Thank you. Good afternoon. AME has supported this bill all through the process and as you know we've been there trying to get it untabled and so on. I know that you know the importance of this. The number of cars that the Probation Officers have certainly is not sufficient. We -- I spoke this morning to the full Legislature looking for support of this bill. When it does come out this afternoon, hoping -- I'd like to see a unanimous support because I think every one of you realizes what it means to need a County car, to need a car to do your job right. Using your personal cars is not an acceptable idea, it never has been but this County has traditionally pushed this through. Certainly we know of other titles also, but right now we're talking about the Probation Officers needing at least this amount of money that has been allocated. I don't think the offset is a problem, I think Budget Review has addressed that already, so there should be no reason why they should not get the support of this committee so it can come out for a full vote today. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CARACCIOLO:

Okay. It's the Chair's intention, as it was at the last committee meeting, to make a motion to approve. Do I hear a second?

1193-02 - Amending the 2002 Operating Budget transferring funds to the Department of Public Works for the purchase of vehicles for the Probation Department (Binder, Caracappa, Towle).

LEG. CRECCA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN CARACCIOLO:

Second by Legislator Crecca. All in favor? Before we vote, just note the members of the public that this is the only committee in the Legislature that requires a three-quarter, or in this case three out of four members of the committee approval, so just keep that in mind as we prepare to vote again today. So there is a motion and a second. All in favor?

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LEG. CRECCA:

Aye.

LEG. COOPER:

Aye.

CHAIRMAN CARACCIOLO:

Opposed? Unanimous, it's approved. (VOTE: 3-0-0-1 Not Present:

Legislator Bishop).

LEG. CRECCA:

List me as a cosponsor.

LEG. COOPER:

Cosponsor, please.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

We now have before us 1196-02 - Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget and appropriating funds for the Vocational Education and Extension Board (VEEB) (Haley). Is there a motion?

LEG. CRECCA:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

Motion to table, Legislator Crecca. Second by the Chair. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous, tabled (VOTE: 3-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Bishop).

Same motion for 1197-02 - Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget and appropriating funds for the Police Athletic League (Haley), same second, same vote. Tabled (VOTE: 3-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Bishop).

LEG. BINDER:

These go today?

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

One minute, Allan.

1198-02 - Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget and appropriating funds for the North Shore Youth Council (Haley). Same motion, same second, same vote.

Tabled (VOTE: 3-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Bishop).

1199-02 - Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget and appropriating funds for The Nature Conservancy (Haley). Same motion, same second, same vote. Tabled (VOTE: 3-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Bishop).

1200-02 - Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget and appropriating funds for Mather Hospital Fortunato Breast Health Center (Haley).

Same motion, same second, same vote.

Tabled (VOTE: 3-0-0-1 - Not Present: Legislator Bishop).

And 1201-02 - Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget and appropriating funds for Lifeline Mediation Center (Haley). Same

motion, same second, same vote. Tabled (VOTE: 3-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Bishop).

And yes, Legislator Binder, it goes before the committee -- I mean the entire committee of the Legislature this afternoon, that's right. So I appreciate you coming back at 2:30 or three and we'll see you later.

Motion to adjourn by the Chair, second by Legislator Cooper. All in favor? Opposed? Unanimous.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.*)

Legislator Michael Caracciolo, Chairman
Budget Committee